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SUBJECT: RECLASSIFICATION OF SEATO DOCUMENTS

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1. WE REGRET ANY CONFUSION THAT MAY HAVE RESULTED FROM  
INSTRUCTIONS SENT REF B. WASHINGTON AGENCIES' OBJECTIONS  
TO THE RECOMMENDED RECLASSIFICATION OF SEATO DOCUMENTS ARE  
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DIRECTED SOLELY TO US-ORIGINATED DOCUMENTS. THE RECLASS-  
IFICATION OF SEATO-ORIGINATED DOCUMENTS COVERED IN  
SCR/76/D-25 AND THE RECLASSIFICATION OF MEMBER GOVERNMENT-

ORIGINATED DOCUMENTS IN SCR/76/D-47 CALL FOR NOTIFICATION ONLY SHOULD THERE BE NATIONAL OBJECTIONS. WE DO NOT OBJECT TO THE RECLASSIFICATION OF SEATO-ORIGINATED OR OTHER MEMBER GOVERNMENT-ORIGINATED DOCUMENTS AND NO OBJECTION SHOULD BE MADE TO SUCH RECLASSIFICATIONS. THIS POSITION, HOWEVER, IS DISTINCT FROM "APPROVING" SUCH RECLASSIFICATIONS, WHICH WE ARE NOT PREPARED TO DO, SINCE IT WOULD IMPLY THAT WE HAVE REVIEWED THE DOCUMENTS IN QUESTION.

2. THE RECLASSIFICATION EXERCISE WAS UNDERTAKEN BY THE SEATO SECRETARIAT IN ORDER TO FACILITATE MEMBER NATIONS' PLANS FOR STORAGE OR DESTRUCTION OF SEATO DOCUMENTS. WE DO NOT WISH TO IMPOSE ON OTHER MEMBER COUNTRIES A DESTRUC-

TION SCHEDULE FOR US-ORIGINATED DOCUMENTS. THEY MAY HOLD THEM OR DESTROY THEM AS THEIR OWN NATIONAL NEEDS DICTATE. OUR ONLY CONCERN IN THIS MATTER IS THAT CURRENT POLICIES REQUIRE THAT DOCUMENTS CANNOT BE DOWNGRADED UNLESS THERE IS A SEPARATE REVIEW OF EACH DOCUMENT BY THE ORIGINATING AGENCY. DUE TO THE NUMBER OF DOCUMENTS THAT WOULD HAVE TO BE REVIEWED, MOST AGENCIES ARE UNABLE TO COMMIT RESOURCES TO SUCH A REVIEW AND PREFER TO SEE THE DOCUMENTS DESTROYED OR RETAINED AT THEIR PRESENT CLASSIFICATION LEVEL. KISSINGER

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